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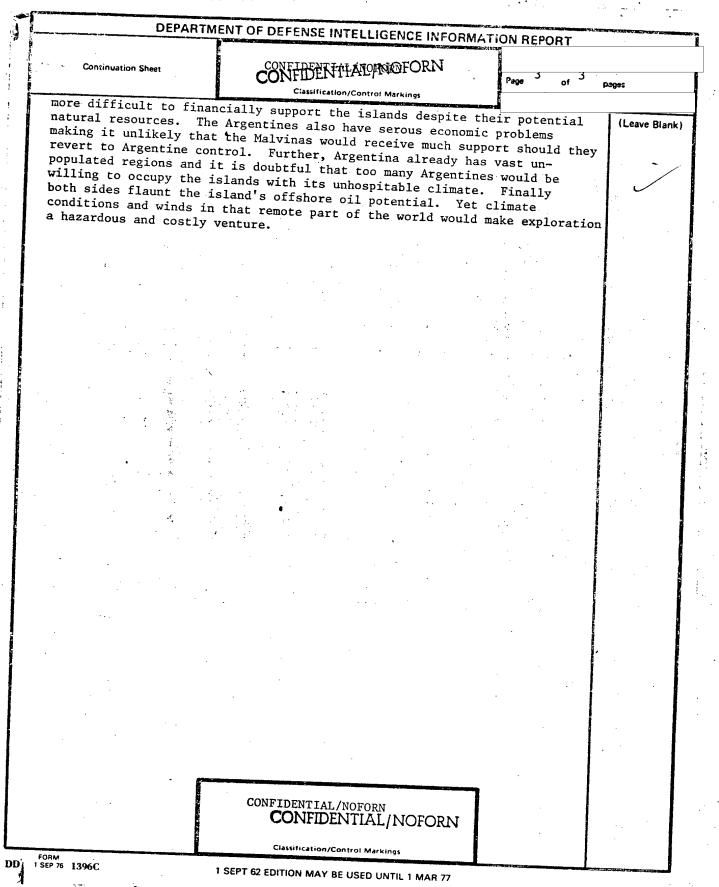
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22. DETAILS.		who, was	(Leave Blank)		
stationed on the Malvin	nas Islands for eight months, reported	that the			
island's population is	fearful that they will be sold out by	Great Britain			
ine visit to the Malvin	las in February 1977 by United Kingdom	Minister of			
State led KOWLANDS, did	little to placate the Kelpers' appre	hensions They			
were suspicious of Brit	ish intentions before this arrival and	d even more			
so after his departure.	the Islanders	understand that			
considerable investment	in the territory would be required to	o make the	:		
community economically	viable. He added that the nonulation	was particular-	.		
ly distressed at Englan	d's apparent unwillingness to help the	em, especially	<u> </u>		
IN view of the fact that	It the islanders have paid more in tax	as to Crost			
They contend nomber	received in support from Her Majesty's	s Government.			
rney contend, pernaps u	mrealistically, that the Malvinas can	make a co of			
Islands Company and the	tion. They cite the profitability of	the Falkland			
products and notantial	areas' natural resources, particular	ly fish			
hope that the NK will a	offshore oil. Yet, they apparently ho ome to their assistance and settle tho	old little			
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Argentina. In this reg	ard, Argentina can wear the British do	wn and can			
afford to play a waitin	g game.	wir and can			
3. (C/NOFORN) The Briti	sh have a 30 man Marine Detachment sta	tional at the			
rarand. The group cons	lSIS.OI ONE Officer (a major): at lead	t throa			
senior non-commissioned	officers, with the remainder being en	lierod			
personner. The tour of	duty is one year and mormally changes	in Anril	i		
during the annual visit	of the HMS ENDURANCE. The detachment	is equipped			
with an 80-100 foot pat:	rol boat (reportedly unarmed) which t	ranchorta the			
rroops from one istand	to another. The majority of the year	is devoted to	1		
rraining which includes	search and rescue operations, quard d	utu markemen			
surp, scuba diving, what	rr repair and survival training. In t	he latter 5.0			
marines are generally la	anded on one of the smaller islands for	r a mock to	i .		
ten days and given the r	MISSION to round up the Falkland Telan	d Company's			
cattle for transshipment	to Great Britain.		ľ		
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for the return of the Ma	llvinas, considering any other column	cinue to press			
for the return of the Malvinas, considering any other solution as an insult to national dignity. It is a no-win issue for either side. The Kelpers					
are an aging society, far removed from the queen. Attrition is taking its					
toll as the young people move away. Britain appears to find it more and					
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